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Combines will be used only on 17-18 percent of the total planted area, while 82-83 percent will be harvested with sickles, scythes, reapers, and binders. A thresher can thresh the grain from 150-200 decares in 24 hours. It takes 60-70 days to complete threshing by primitive methods; therefore, threshers are used exclusively.

One or two years ago, it was normal for machine threshing to last 40-45 days. Since then, threshing has been considerably speeded up. For example Dimitur Kuvrukov of the Provadiya MTS threshed 550 tons of grain within 30 days -- P. Dimitrov

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCES AGRICULTURAL PLAN FULFILLMENT --** Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 26 Apr 53

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, the sowing plan for spring crops and the harrowing plan were fulfilled by 24 April 1953 as follows (in percent):

<u>Okrug</u>	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Corn</u>	<u>Beans</u>	<u>Potatoes</u>	<u>Fodder Corn</u>	<u>Harrowing</u>
Sofia City	-	88.4	66.8	90.4	34.8	51.2
Sofia	-	92.5	65.9	94.1	28.1	46.1
Blagoevgrad	100	23.1	45.5	84.4	11.8	32.7
Plovdiv	100	81.2	87.5	83.1	20.9	71.3
Khaskovo	90.7	43.8	84.8	100	15.2	18.6
Stara Zagora	99.6	98.8	96.2	99.1	56.5	77.7
Burgas	99.8	97	97.6	85.6	47.9	53.5
Stalin	85.3	99.8	90.1	92.9	87.4	75.2
Kolarovgrad	100	100	98	99.9	99.8	100
Ruse	80.9	98.9	99.3	97.9	66.9	100
Turnovo	100	99.1	100	100	79.3	100
Pleven	97.3	95.9	97.9	86.7	60	100
Vratsa	98.9	99.2	90.9	82.4	83.1	96.5
Entire Republic	96	93.8	94.4	92	61.7	81.2

**FREE SALE OF GRAIN RESTRICTED --** Sofia, Izvestiya, 7 Jul 53

In accordance with Order (Zapoved) No K-2-380 of the Ministry of Deliveries and Food Industry signed by Assistant Minister T. Petrov, the free sale of wheat, rye, barley, oats, spelt, vetch, beans, sunflower, corn, and milling products made of these items is forbidden until the plan for grain deliveries is fulfilled and the announcement permitting the free sale of these products is issued.

The free sale and purchase of corn and milled corn products is prohibited as of 1 September 1953.

Producers and consumers may not transport these products from one locality to another if they were bought at free market prices, or if they are designated to be sold on the free market.

This order does not apply to trade by state and cooperative stores.

Violators will be prosecuted and their produce will be delivered to rayon cooperative unions for safekeeping until the question of confiscation is solved.

**AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS --** Sofia, Planovo Stopanstvo, Apr 53

At the end of 1952 there were 2,747 TKZS with 60.5 percent of the agricultural land in Bulgaria, as well as 140 MTS. During the same year, 48.6 percent of the farm work was mechanized. By the end of 1952, there were 14,121 livestock farms in Bulgaria, including 12,832 in TKZS and 485 in DZS. -- Ivan Matov

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75 PERCENT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN PLEVEN OKRUG IN STATE HANDS -- Pleven, Septemvriyska Pobeda, 7 Feb 53

The 182 TKZS and 11 DZS in Pleven Okrug comprise 75 percent of the arable land in the okrug.

DZS LARGEST GRAIN PRODUCERS -- Sofia, Narodna Kooperatsiya, No 4, 1953

There are 108 DZS in Bulgaria with 1,600,000 decares of land. Of the grain purchased by the government in 1952, 34 percent came from DZS, 33 percent from TKZS, and 33 percent from private farms.

MTS DIRECTOR DISMISSED -- Stalin, Stalinsko Zname, 27 Jan 53

For not carrying out the orders of the Tolbukhin ONS (Okoliya People's Soviet), Georgi Barumov, director of the Zhitnitsa MTS, was replaced by Mikhail Zhekov. However, the MTS is still not doing good work, as it fulfilled only 25 percent of its plan. The Stozher MTS is also not doing satisfactory work. The Tolbukhin MTS, headed by Director Nadezhda Bogoeva, reached only 20 percent of its quota for repair of agricultural machines. Khristo Khristov, agronomist at the Krushari MTS, is criticized for not improving the organization of the MTS.

DZS SHOWS PROGRESS -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 26 Mar 53

The "Georgi Dimitrov" DZS, located near Pleven in the valley of the Vit River between Pleven and Somovit, includes 40,000 decares of land, of which 33,000 are arable. Its livestock farm obtains an average of 2,600 liters of milk per cow [per year] from 110 Jskur cows. The average yield of all merino sheep is 5 kilograms [per year], and 100 sheep produce 150 lambs. The average annual egg production per hen is 150. Georgi Ivanov is the director of the DZS and Goran Spasov is the deputy director of the political sector (zamestnik direktor po politicheska chast).

CROSSBREEDING OF SHEEP STEPPED UP -- Sofia Rabotnichesko Delo, 25 Mar 53

During 1952, the number of crossbred sheep in Bulgaria increased 70 percent as compared with 1946.

MORE COTTON TO BE PLANTED -- Sofia, Vecherni Novini, 9 Apr 53

This year 23 percent more area in Bulgaria will be planted with cotton than last year. An additional 111,000 decares planted with cotton will be irrigated this year.

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